

YOUR WORKING CHECKLIST

E-1 treaty trade: nationality, transactions and the principal-trade rule

Is a U.S. company automatically a treaty-national enterprise?

E-1 concerns substantial international trade principally between the United States and the relevant treaty country. It is different from investing money in a U.S. business. Nationality, enterprise ownership, actual trade flow and the applicant's role are separate questions; one valuable transaction is not the entire substantial-trade inquiry.

Check the boxes on screen or by hand. Use the notes area for records to find and questions to ask.

Your preparation checklist

- ☐ Verify applicant and enterprise treaty nationality.
- ☐ Identify actual international trade transactions.
- ☐ Separate continuing trade from a single large deal.
- ☐ Distinguish trader and enterprise-employee roles.

Notes and questions to follow up

Source links and current instructions

Sources checked October 25, 2026. Follow current instructions at the linked institution.

Office of the Federal Register / eCFR: 8 CFR 214.2: classification-specific temporary-worker requirements
<https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-8/section-214.2>

U.S. Department of State: Treaty trade, investment and Australian professional visas
<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/us-visas/employment/treaty-trader-investor-visa-e.html>

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<https://immigrantinsider.com/immigration-paths/work/e1/>

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